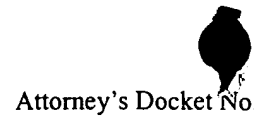




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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated June 20, 2002, be extended for one month to and including August 20, 2002.

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